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### A Reagan Fund Raiser for Paris?

The position of United States ambassador to France, one of the sweetest patronage plums any administration has to offer, is about to be given to Tennessee businessman Joe M. Rodgers. A longtime supporter of Ronald Reagan, Rodgers made millions as head of a Nashville construction company, then became a top Republican fund raiser. In 1981 he was appointed to the Foreign Intelligence

Advisory Board; last year he was chief fund raiser for the Reagan-Bush campaign. The choice will undoubtedly please conservatives: Rodgers, who will replace retiring Ambassador Evan G. Braith, is described as a born-again Christian who has set up several tax-free foundations to promote conservative causes. His name has not yet been officially submitted to the French for approval, but White House aides anticipate no problems; to refuse an ambassador would be an extraordinary breach of protocol.